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1. A major practice which involved various branches of service took place in the Schmachtenhagen wood near Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) on 8 and 9 April 1952. An AT artillery unit left the Oranienburg concentration camp for Zehdenick (N 54/U 70) on 9 April.

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The entire tank unit stationed in the Panzertruppschule left the installation for Zehdenick on 10 April. The kitchen and the Woldschaenke restaurant were closed. Tanks and rocket launchers were entrained at the Oranienburg railroad station on 13 April and were dispatched towards Zehdenick. (1)

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2. On 10 April, trucks, 120-mm mortars and T-34 tanks were loaded at the Parchim (N 54/T 74) railroad station. (2) A baker in Kerik (N 55/O 51) stated that, during the period from 26 to 29 March, 7 tons of flour, equivalent to 4,500 loaves of bread, were delivered daily and that the amount to be delivered daily was to be increased to 10 tons of flour, or 6,500 loaves of bread. (3)

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3. On 15 April, in Ludwigslust (N 54/T 53), 30 boxcars and 5 flatcars with side-racks were loaded with iron parts, tank wheels, billeting equipment and boxes which were believed to contain ammunition. The materiel came from the Techentin airfield. The escort

The Neue Kaserne in Ludwigslust was vacant except for a guard detail. Residents said that the unit had left for the Schweinrich (N 54/U 22) training area.

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4. On 15 April, 22 flatcars, 5 gondola cars and 1 coach carrying a total of 8 T 34/85 tanks and 6 trucks were loaded at the Parchim railroad station. The tanks and trucks came from the Neue Kaserne. (2)

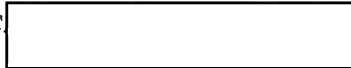
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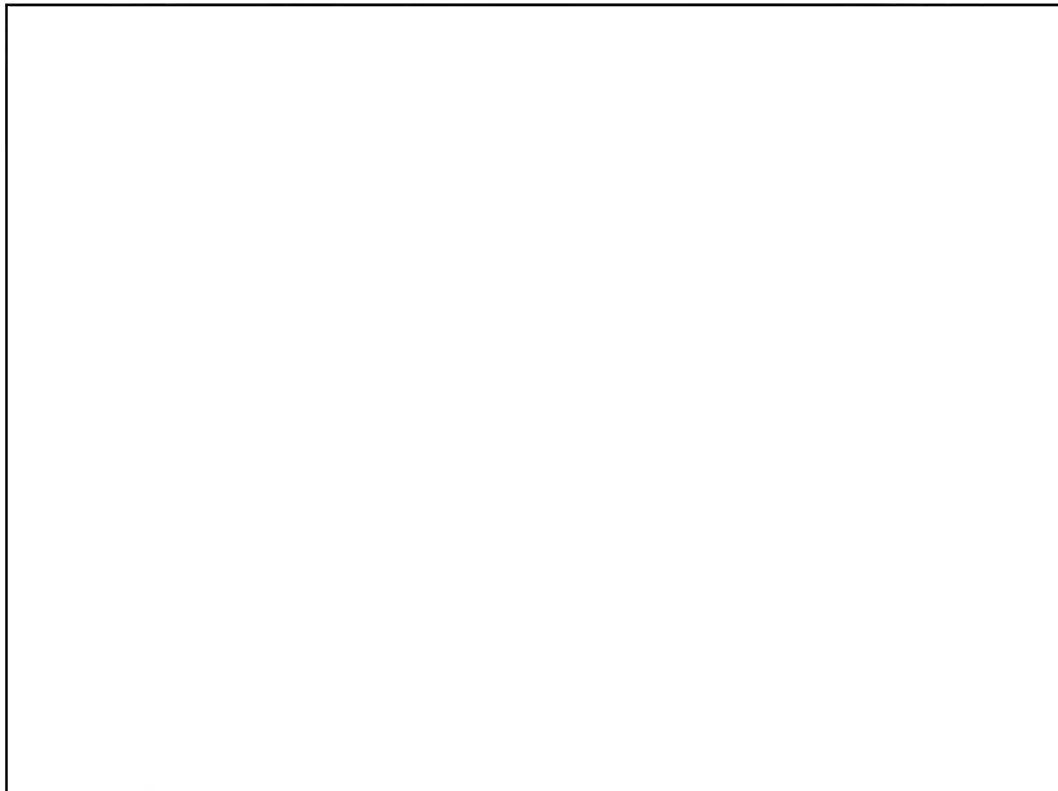


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Comments.

- (1) The units of the 25th Tank Div mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present report, which moved to Templin, confirm a report according to which about 150 T-34 tanks arrived in Camp Vogelsang from 10 to 14 April 1952.
- (2) The units of the 18th Pecz Div leaving Parchim and Ludwigslust confirm a report by a source from the Schweinrich troop training grounds indicating that two trains with units of the aforementioned division were unloaded there on 12 April. Ludwigslust has apparently been occupied by only a guard detail since 15 April.
- (3) Another source reported that the AA firing range in Wustrow was occupied by about 3,000 troops in mid-March 1952. The deliveries of bread mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report tend to indicate that the occupation is to be increased to about 6,500 men.
- (4) The occupation of the Schweinrich troop training grounds was increased by the arrival of eight trains occupied by units of the 18th Pecz Div which were unloaded in Dranse and Wittstock on 13 and 14 April 1952. See also Comment 2 of the present report.

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